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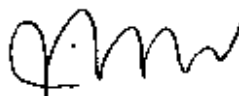
The Constitution, Article 2, Section 18 provides: "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare."

The government is prioritizing investments in the country's no. 1 resource, its human resource, in an atmosphere of industrial peace and social justice.

Hence, this bill seeks to direct the Secretary of Labor and Employment, subject to the availability of appropriations, to make grants to local government units to carry out employment training programs to aid unemployed individuals in securing employment in a new area of expertise, particularly in emerging markets and industries (such as green technologies).

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

This is a House of Representative counterpart bill to one filed in the Senate by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago.



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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT TO MAKE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS TO CARRY OUT EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*New Jobs for
Philippines Act*"

Section 2. Compensated Employment Training Grants. -

- a) **Authorization.** - Subject to the availability of appropriations for such funds, the Secretary of Labor and Employment shall make grants to local government units to carry out the activities described in subsection
- b) **Use of Funds.** - A recipient of a grant under this Act shall use the grant for the following purposes:
 - 1. To seek out unemployed individuals struggling financially whose prior training consisted of skills necessary for a faltering or dying industry.
 - 2. To create compensated training programs that offer training in emerging markets and industries (such as green technologies).
 - 3. To partner with state universities and colleges to create innovative retraining programs focused on retooling workers

for jobs in the growth sectors of healthcare, biotech, and information technology.

4. To partner with non-profit organizations to provide apprenticeships and internships.
 5. To provide compensation to participants in training programs to temporarily aid in their financial distress.
 6. To provide access to public healthcare programs for participants.
 7. To create training programs for ex-offenders in an effort to reduce recidivism.
 8. To aid newly trained participants in securing employment within the field of their newly acquired expertise.
- c) **Conditions.** - As a condition of receiving a grant under this Act, a grant recipient shall allocate not less than eighty percent (80%) of the funding allocated under the grant to wages, benefits, and support activities, including child care services to individuals receiving compensated training under such a grant; and institute a program to aid newly trained participants in securing employment in their new area of expertise.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Appropriations. - There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.